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SUBJECT: CHURCHILL RESEARCH RANGE AGREEMENT

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1. EXTAFF LEGAL OFFICER (PARRY) TELLS US GOC IS PREPARED
EXTEND CHURCHILL RANGE AGREEMENT FOR THREE YEARS. HOWEVER,
HE EXPLAINED EXTAFF VIEW, WHICH HE BELIEVES DEPARTMENT
SHARES, THAT TIME HAS COME TO UPDATE LIABILITY PROVISIONS
FOR ROCKETS LAUNCHED BY US IN CANADA OR VICE- VERSA. HE
SUGGESTS THAT GOC REPLY TO U. S. NOTE INCLUDE LANGUAGE
RELECTING UNDERSTANDING THAT, SHOULD USG AND GOC REACH
AGREEMENT ON PROVISIONS OF UNIFORM LIABILITY CLAUSE
GOVERNING ROCKET LAUNCHES BY ONE GOVERNMENT IN TERRITORY
OF OTHER, CHURCHILL RANGE AGREEMENT WILL BE AMENDED
ACCORDINGLY.

2. PARRY MENTIONED MEETING IN WASHINGTON JUNE 12 BETWEEN
CANEMBASSY OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS CONCERNING
A CANADIAN LAUNCH IN HAWAII. AT THAT MEETING, WHERE
LIABILITY PROVISIONS DISCUSSED, DEPARTMENT OFFICERS
PROPOSED SIX- MONTH EXTENSION FOR CHURCHILL AGREEMENT
WHILE BILATERAL LIABILITY AGREEMENT IS WORKED OUT. PARRY
BELIEVES IT PREFERABLE RENEW CHURCHILL AGREEMENT FOR THREE
YEARS AND AMEND IT AS REGARDS LIABILITY WHEN AND IF
APPROPRIATE.

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EM EXTAF IS SEEKING GOC AUTHORITY EXCHANGE NOTES ON
THIS BASIS, AND WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT' S COMMENTS.

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